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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: KIM, V.

SERIAL NO. : 10/073,226

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1614

FOR: GELLING AGENT FOR OIL

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated August 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this response.

**Support for the Amendment** begins on page 7 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this response.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$378.00
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- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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